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AUCKLAND FIASCO?

The Anzac Day battle in Auckland was, on the whole, a disappointment.

How did Australia play, how did the match progress, what changes could Gutendorf make — and what will drive Roger Dewick to the bottle?

Two full pages of reports, details, statistics and exclusive pictures — on PAGES 2-3.

W.CUP GLUT

No less than 10 World Cup matches will be played in Europe this week.

England v Rumania, Yugoslavia v Greece, Switzerland v Hungary, etc.

Who plays where and what are the prospects? PAGE 12.

PSL AGAIN

The Phillips League had a shortened round last weekend.

However, on Saturday — even if briefly — it's business as usual.

Last week's details PAGE 6-7, this week's program PAGE 5.

STATE COACHES

Just how do our NSW State League clubs train — how many times a week?

And who are the men in charge of their coaching set-ups? See full report on PAGE 8.

DESPITE THREATS AND SPIES...

UNEASY TRUCE WITH KIWIS

— By Andrew Dettre —



John Kosmina (left) evading a tackle in the Auckland match.

As a soccer match, pure and simple, the Auckland World Cup tie on Anzac Day was a disappointing affair.

Sure, there was tension, excitement, even some drama which always go with such occasions but the teams had too many flaws and the game was full of arid and boring patches.

Judging on this 90 minutes it's fair to say that neither Australia nor New Zealand has a skilful, coherent team.

And yet, one of the other is likely to win this subgroup, no doubt causing elation among officials, coaches and players.

From a football point of view, neither has much cause for great celebration; both teams are woefully short on skill, style and even strategy.

Nurtured on the 'British' tradition of speed, stamina, strength, courage, etc., few of the players have any flair or overabundance of technical skill in match situations.

But we know all this; we have been watching this for many years now

and it should not come as a surprise.

Neither Gutendorf nor his New Zealand counterpart could possibly turn average players into world-beaters.

What is sad, however, is that the Australian team, despite so many opportunities in the past two years or so, is still not a team, merely 11 decent, keen, hard-fighting individuals.

There is very little pattern in the team, it simply lacks its own style, something good club sides have—think of Adelaide City in 1977, Heidelberg in 1980 or, at a lower level, St. George this year.

• CHARACTER

What we lack is a 'character', a natural leader on the field with a bit of devil in him, a personality who could give some style to the existing substance.

All the players look like anguished, worried businessmen, afraid of taking the slightest risk in case the share market collapses.

Soccer without risk-taking and some degree of uninhibited joy is drudgery and, in recent years, our teams have played that way.

One truly outstanding personality players could change that but none has emerged in recent years and, I am afraid, none is likely to.

One reason for that is that not one of the players feels quite secure in the team.

• PREVENTED

Only one truly strong character is clearly visible—Rudi Gutendorf. Maybe, unwittingly, he does not allow the development of another leader in the team, around him.

Gutendorf is the true star of the team, the focus of public and media attention, the 'personality'—and this could prevent the emergence of a Warren, Wilson, Schaefer or Richards type of a leader to emerge on the field.

Tony Henderson has all the playing attributes to assume such a role,

together with the outgoing and strong personality—but, for some reason, has never made a move to achieve such a status.

He is perhaps the only player we have in Australia who could set the style and pace of the Socceroos; all the team tactics and strategies could be built around him.

But for that Gutendorf would have to encourage Henderson's elevation to a higher plateau and he would have to take a much lower public profile—and that's not in Gutendorf's make-up.

Yet he should remember that it was exactly this type of coach-star relationship between Herberger and Fritz Walter, later between Schoen and Beckenbauer that helped his own native Germany to the top.

This is a problem Gutendorf should look into before it's too late and an all-enveloping drabness makes such a move impossible.

Every good team has a natural leader, a conductor or playmaker.

Australia—and also New Zealand—lack this.

ANZAC REUNION



Friendly exchange of gifts, then...



...Ballet Auckland style

IT'S SHOWBIZ, SAYS GUTENDORF

Soccer is really show business — so says our national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

In last week's issue of a German magazine, dealing with coaches in the German Bundesliga, Gutendorf is quoted:

"Most of our leading German coaches are young in years — but grandfathers in thinking and management.

"They refuse to take risks and can't understand that soccer is show business.

"I'd rather die than become one of those grey, cautious mice..."

WOLVES BOSS RESIGNS

Wollongong City's efficient young secretary, Richard Drake resigned last weekend, because of pressure of work.

However, he will stay with the Wolves to help in various promotions.

Drake was one of the handful of people who created and established Wollongong City last year.

The new secretary is Neil Grigh, who works in the management of David Jones at Wollongong.

Wollongong may also lose Kiwi International Brian Turner who is known to have found it hard to settle down.

The Wolves would be prepared to transfer him back to his original club for the same fee paid for him — about \$3,500.

WORLD CUP 1982

TEAM MAY NEED SOME CHANGES



Krnecic heads in the third Australian goal past Wilson.



The Kiwi equaliser at 3-3, with Sumner jumping high to score with a header.

WORLD CUP 1981-82

NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA 3-3 (2-3)

New Zealand:

Hill Herbert Wilson Almond Dods
Cole McKie Sumner
G.Turner B.Turner Woodin
Boden Kosmina Sharne
Krnecic Rogers Barnes
Davidson Henderson Blair Perry
Maher

Australia

Replacements: Campbell (57m) for B.Turner, Giampaolo (69m) for Boden, Elrick (70m) for McKay, Yzendoorn (84m) for Perry.
Goals: 0-1 Krnecic (15m), 1-1 G. Turner (25m), 1-2 Boden (31m), 2-2 Woodin (34m), 2-3 Krnecic (42m), 3-3 Sumner (80m).
Referee: G. Menegalli (Italy) — Crowd: 10,000 — Cautions: Davidson, Henderson.



WORLD CUP TABLE

ASIA-OCEANIA (AFC-OFC) GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Australia	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
New Zealand	1	—	1	—	3	3	1
Fiji	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indonesia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taiwan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Australia's World Cup opener produced a valuable point in Auckland.

The 3-3 draw was perhaps a fair result and, for the Socceroos, a minor triumph of sorts: a point away from home must be always treasured.

If Rudi Gutendorf is delighted with the three goals we scored, he must be devastated by the fact that we also conceded three.

If all six goals were the result of brilliant attacking play, both coaches should be satisfied with the result.

However, five of the six goals came following set-piece moves, freekicks or simple throw-ins and that is a terrible indictment for the respective defences.

The Australian team's overall performance was very ordinary indeed.

Our attacking 'plan' was pretty simple: lob high balls into the goalmouth and hope for the best, a replica of the prescription most English teams follow though with an infinitely wider variation. We did not see one good wallpassing move in the 90 minutes from the Socceroos (and about three from the Kiwis), nor any conscious attempt to get behind the defenders and play in those deadly low balls into the goalmouth.

It was the lob, lob and more lobs hoping to find a willing or lucky head...

For that type of soccer to be practised, you hardly need a coach, let alone training camps.

Rudi Gutendorf also took an enormous gamble with his defensive players and an even greater one with their deployment.

His four fullbacks played in this combination for the first time ever—and the experiment was anything but a success.

Having tried and then discarded Muir, Prskalo, Yzendoorn and then Bertogna as central defenders, Gutendorf gambled on young Steve Blair, more out of sheer bravado than conviction.

This gamble backfired: Blair, talented as he is, hasn't got the absolute authority and character of a stopper of the calibre of Marnoch, Watkiss, Wilson or Schaefer.

If Gutendorf had seen Australia's epic battle with East Germany in 1974, in Hamburg, he would recall Wilson's stupendous, almost heroic display against overwhelming odds and superior forces, a kind of Sergeant York stemming the tide and stopping the enemy hordes.

Blair is no Sergeant York and never will be: he is too nice a young fellow to develop the characteristics a modern stopper needs: tough, ruthless, uncompromising, stopping the opposition at any cost: a sort of Santamaria, Lorant, Schwarzenbeck or Passarella, filling that central striker with fear.

• CAUTIOUS

As a result of Blair's wobbles, Henderson couldn't play as a true libero, going forward, organising the midfield and the attack; he had to keep a suspicious eye on Blair.

Davidson also proved that despite his undoubted talent, he is not a true, fullblooded fullback except in overlapping situations.

As for Perry, his shortcomings are well known especially on the ball.

So Gutendorf has to think again about his defence.

Maybe he can switch Barnes back into stopper or use the polished and energetic Yzendoorn as the libero and Henderson as the stopper, with the two interchanging roles and adding more flexibility to a presently rigid and brittle quartet.

The Australian midfield didn't click, either and this may worry Gutendorf the least as he prefers to 'play over' that territory as fast as possible.

Rogers really got into the team after one fine display, against Blacktown, where Gutendorf saw him by chance, limited his operational radius to a very narrow path while Krnecic was preoccupied with attack.

Australia doesn't have at least one, preferably two ball-winning midfielders such as Warren, Richards, Byrne or Stone in the past.

Neither do we have a true schemer. Krnecic is more of a finisher—and a good one—who is at his best when moving up from behind, in the second wave.

A good Perin, Marochi or Jim Campbell type is missing, like the vintage Rooney who can open up play with one sweeping 30-metre pass and gain, suddenly, numerical superiority in the enemy territory.

This role demands skill and fast thinking—and there is a worldwide shortage in that commodity...

The Socceroos attack scored three goals and that, on the surface, should silence all critics.

But not one of the goals was the result of a creative move: two came from freekicks and one after a throw-in.

It's hard to argue with the selection of Sharne, Kosmina and Boden: all had the form and Gutendorf had every justification in naming them as his advance trio.

Those who didn't make the team in Auckland, for one reason or another, include Cole, Giampaolo (disregarding

his 21 minutes as a sub), Paton, Valeri, Jankovics, Brennan and John Nyskohus.

I am not suggesting that any of these should have a superior claim to a berth in the team—merely that, in the interest of a more fluid attack, some other combinations could be tried.

Kosmina may be in better form than Cole—but Sharne may click with Cole or Jankovics better; Boden may be a better finisher than Giampaolo—but Giampaolo could be a better foil for Kosmina or Cole.

• POLISHING

Whatever combination Gutendorf settles on, it's clear that the team needs more polishing before next month's matches against Indonesia and New Zealand.

Valuable as the Auckland draw is, the match revealed that the two teams are very evenly matched.

New Zealand won't be any easier opponents at the Sydney Cricket Ground than they were in Auckland; in fact, all the pressure will on the Socceroos to go forward and take command.

The start of the campaign was promising but much more is needed if we are to clear the forthcoming hurdles.

A SORT OF HANDBALL...

The match statistics — kept by our Einar Persen — seem to prove the disappointing standard of the match.

For example, Australians attempted one shot at goal in the second half — against New Zealand's two...

There were an amazing 43 freekicks for fouls — though none for offside.

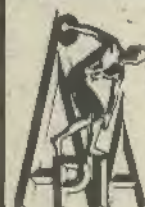
Even more disturbing is that there were 63 throw-ins — the ball was handled almost as often as in a basketball match.

	Australia			New Zealand		
	I	II	T	I	II	T
Goals	3	—	3	2	1	3
Shot at goal	4	1	5	4	2	6
Shot outside	—	—	—	2	1	3
Freekick	11	7	18	14	11	25
Throw-in	12	8	20	17	26	43
Offside	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corners	3	5	8	1	1	2

I-First half II-Second half T-Total



Tony Henderson in battle with the New Zealanders.



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WORLD CUP 1982

A comedy of cheap goals

Australia relinquished the lead three times in the World Cup match against New Zealand in Auckland, finally settling for a face-saving 3-3 draw.

All the predictions of a close result came true though few of us had expected to see six goals.

It was a fairly scrappy game, with very few good moves, a sort of poor PSL match with heaps of errors and little inspiration.

The horribly bumpy ground with its dusty, bare patches was clearly not making things any easier.

The first few minutes were spent largely with petty fouls, wasted freekicks and misdirected passes as the players were trying to figure out the topography of that balding dustheap in the Mt. Smart stadium.

New Zealand went close to opening their account in the 10th minute when Woodin slipped past Barnes and Henderson, forcing Maher to smother his shot.

The first goal arrived in the 15th minute. Barnes took a freekick from 30 metres, the ball was headed short and Krncevic sent a fullblooded volley into the upper left corner from some 12 metres.

Just 10 minutes later the Kiwis were level. McKay sent in a harmless looking cross from the right, Henderson missed the ball at the near post and Grant Turner swept it home from a metre or so.

The goal visibly shook the already disorganised Australian defence and a series of errors crept in to their game.

In the 28th minute Barnes and Henderson

let Woodin through on the left but, mercifully, he shot meekly into Maher's arms.

Barnes, Blair and Henderson were leaving enormous gaps in the middle of the defence; at this stage the Aussies were slamming the ball anywhere they could.

The next Kiwi goal looked imminent—but it was the Socceroos who went into the lead for the second time.

Henderson's freekick into the goalmouth was headed down by Krncevic. Boden quickly controlled the ball and then, with his left foot, rolled it into the far corner.

This should have been the tonic we needed to go further ahead and wrap up the game then and there.

But yet another defensive mistake cost us plenty.

• BAD FOULS

In the 34th minute a Kiwi freekick from Steve Sumner went to Brian Turner who laid it on for Woodin with a flick; the Kiwi winger skirted the falling Barnes and slammed an angled, low shot into Maher's left corner from some 16 metres.

Two bad Australian fouls stirred the otherwise picnic-like crowd.

In the 40th minute Davidson's crude, late tackle on Sumner earned him a caution, following an 'Athens-like' tackle by Barnes on Woodin near the touchline.

For much the same tackle that was committed against Krncevic in Athens by the Greeks, Barnes was not even cautioned—neither did anybody jump from the

bench and rush into the referee's abdomen...

Then, once again, a sudden and simple Australian goal dashed the rising Kiwi hopes.

In the 42nd minute Barnes took a long throw-in from the right, Hill's midair clearance off his heel flew backwards and Krncevic literally threw himself in to the gift-ball, heading it in from a few metres past a stunned Wilson.

The second half was a much tamer affair and the goal avalanche also dried up.

In the 46th minute Duncan Cole missed a sitter in the goalmouth then, for some minutes, play concentrated in midfield with neither team prepared to open up.

Henderson also earned a caution in the 57th minute for a foul on McKay—and these cautions, if accumulated, could later lead to a FIFA suspension from subsequent World Cup matches.

The Australian attack was losing its bite; Krncevic, after a superb first half, faded away.

More and more it became obvious that the Socceroos were hoping to put their opponents to sleep (as well as the spectators) and were hoping to hang on to their narrow lead.

But the Kiwis had other ideas: they took over control of the match and were looking for the equaliser.



Ken Boden scoring the second Australian goal.

Few can hold their head high

The Australian players gave a very mixed and uneven display in Auckland.

While there were no catastrophic failures in the team, there weren't any outstanding performances either.

In fact, only Eddie Krncevic, Tony Henderson and Alan Davidson improved on their recent club forms.

This is how we saw them, with our usual PSL ratings in brackets:

Maher (3): Was more tentative than in recent weeks especially when he had to come off his line; with better positioning and a bit of luck, he could have saved the third goal.

Perry (3): His modest technical weaponry was once again in evidence. He plodded and fought tenaciously but seemed lost against the polished Woodin while his passing was also below average.

Blair (2): Fairly comfortable in the air but caught out of position frequently; failed to establish any understanding with Henderson. Obviously affected by big-match nerves and, on this display, highly problematical as a permanent fixture in the team.

Henderson (4): Although not nearly as commanding as he was, say, a year ago, he was still the spiritual leader of the defence; his distribution was good, his tackling positive. No doubt he is annoyed about that first Kiwi goal when the ball must have got a terrible bounce before he missed a simple clearance.

Davidson (4): Stood his ground well, moved up at times and tackled fiercely but wasn't as dashing or enterprising as he can be. At times rushed into his tackles and was beaten to the ball. In midfield he could have been more useful.

Rogers (3): Was surprisingly passive, being content with shadowing Sumner as though the

Kiwi captain was a Maradona; we missed his bursts in midfield for which was largely selected. Hardly ever got involved in the attack, making his come-back after nine years in the mothballs a dubious success.

Krncevic (4): Delivered a pleasant surprise: in the first half he was sharp and incisive and scored two excellent goals. After halftime, together with the rest of the Australian attack, gradually faded out of the game.

Barnes (2): At no stage could he find his bearings; his big frame and lack of mobility make him anything but an ideal midfielder. His covering, clearances, distribution and even tackling were disappointing.

Sharne (3): Showed only glimpses of his blazing speed and rarely took on a fullback. True, often he wasn't used very intelligently, with balls played to his feet instead of sent into empty spaces ahead.

Kosmina (3): Battled non-stop, tied down one central defender, made room for others but lacked initiative and

never looked like getting into a scoring position.

Boden (3): Displayed some classy touches, scored a clever goal but, probably because of his earlier injury, remained largely unaffected by the passion of the match.

Yzendoorn and Giampaolo came on too late to make a measurable contribution to the team.

The New Zealand team performed better than most critics this side of the Tasman expected.

In fact, they appear to have better class players than they did four years ago.

They are a very compact and useful side, despite the horrible defensive mistakes in which they equalled Australia.

Right fullback Hill, stopper Herbert, midfielder Cole and striker Woodin were perhaps their best men.

The Italian referee had an excellent match; he was firm, fair and fast. We are only sorry that he had to travel so far to 'see' such a poor game—there will be plenty of stories told about that in a Roman trattoria over a bottle of Chianti...

I can do with a drink...

— From Roger Dewick —

Auckland. — The Auckland match did not fulfil all the pre-match optimism of the Australian camp.

The general feeling among the players and officials was that Australia were a two-goal better side.

The betting was 3/1 on a comfortable win if Australia could manage an early goal, as New Zealand wouldn't be able to come back.

But — surprise surprise — they came back three times...

After the match it was a very quiet and disappointed Australian team that left the stadium.

Rudi Gutendorf was subdued and restrained as he spoke to the Press.

"I am happy that we have taken a point, a vital point at that," he said.

"The soccer played was positive and the spectators must have been happy with the six goals."

"All praise to New Zealand for pegging back our lead three times."

"However, I'm sure we'll beat them in Sydney."

"There was a lot of low-class football played by both teams, especially in defence."

"For me Krncevic was our best man, together with Davidson, after the interval."

"We can play much better than this. I'm worried about the three goals we conceded."

Having watched the match from behind the New Zealand goal, it appeared to be a scruffy, untidy affair.

At halftime we had New Zealand on their knees but, strangely, let them back into the game by giving up our attack.

Goalie Wilson and his fullbacks were full of apprehension about the Australian attack, especially in the air.

Why Australia retreated into defence after 3-2 is a mystery for which New Zealand will remain grateful.


It only remains to descend into an alcoholic haze, avoid the postmortems and hope that the road to Spain becomes less rocky in the future.



Some of the 5,000 kids at the game.



The Australian bench — coaches, spies and reserves...



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Williams

CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hozowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 3pm
Bruce Stadium

Next week: Newcastle v Canberra

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Canberra v Blacktown 0-1

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selva, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: K. Allan
Linesmen: V. Celestino
M. Welsh

Next week: Blacktown v Marconi



James



Maher

MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picloane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium

Next week: Blacktown v Marconi

PAST RESULTS:

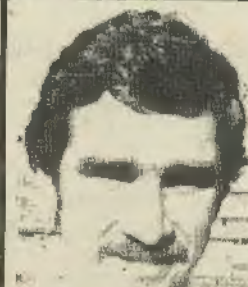
1977: Marconi v Lions 0-1
1978: Marconi v Lions 3-1
1979: Marconi v Lions 0-1
1980: Marconi v Lions 2-1

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

REFEREE: K. Small
Linesmen: G. Power,
A. Morrison

Next week: Lions v Olympic



Caldwell



Cde

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 3pm
Spencer Park

Next week: Wollongong v Brisbane City

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Brisbane City v Leichhardt 2-0
1980: Brisbane City v Leichhardt 1-0

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 19. Gray, 20. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: J. Wood
Linesmen: D. Monteverde
D. Klose

Next week: Leichhardt v Sydney City



Skellern



Villani

ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melia, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Olympic Field

Next week: Sth. Melbourne v Adelaide City

PAST RESULTS:

Adelaide City and Wollongong meeting for the first time.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vilestra, 13. McBrean, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: S. Mellings
Linesmen: J. Rossis,
P. Smallman

Next week: Wollongong v Brisbane City



Tredinnick



Gomez

SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 5. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm
Sydney Athletic Field

Next week: Leichhardt v Sydney City

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Sydney City v Newcastle 1-0
1979: Sydney City v Newcastle 2-0
1980: Sydney City v Newcastle 2-0

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamaz, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

REFEREE: H. Witschge
Linesmen: A. Owen
P. Wood

Next week: Newcastle v Canberra



Senkalski



Cross

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

Sunday, 3pm
Pratten Park

Next week: Lions v Olympic

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Olympic v Footscray 0-0
1978: Olympic v Footscray 1-1
1979: Olympic v Footscray 0-2

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakoulas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Illoski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Cerkovic.

REFEREE: P. Rampley
Linesmen: B. Fowler
P. Hafev

Next week: Footscray v Heidelberg



Milne



Provan

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozlikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: J. Rooney.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Park

Next week: Footscray v Heidelberg

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Heidelberg v West Adelaide 0-0
1978: Heidelberg v West Adelaide 1-1
1979: Heidelberg v West Adelaide 3-1
1980: Heidelberg v West Adelaide 4-2

ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymcszyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 15. Marisc, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: B. Birch.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas
Linesmen: M. Momont
M. Gaut

Next week: West Adelaide v Preston



Honeyman



Faulkner

PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 20. Clayton. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve

Next week: West Adelaide v Preston

PAST RESULTS:

Preston and South Melbourne meeting for the first time.

MELBOURNE GUNNERS

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: D. Campbell
Linesmen: J. Fearn
J. Brennan

Next week: Sth. Melbourne v Adelaide City



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NEWCASTLE v BRISBANE CITY 0-2 (0-1)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (4) Bertogna (3) Drinkwater (3) Tredinnick (3)
Senkalski (4) Mason (3) Jones (3)
Kamasz (3) Stamp (3) Mountford (3)
Kelso (4) P. Wilkinson (3) Palinkas (4)
Pimblett (3) Hamilton (3) Gaffney (4)
B. Wilkinson (3) Ratcliffe (4) Dunne (4) Caldwell (3)
Coe (3)

Brisbane (4-3-3)

Replacements: Gosling (54m) for Dando, Hays (70m) for Kamasz, Conner (81m) for Kelso.
Goals: 0-1 Ratcliffe (46m), 0-2 Kelso (54m).
Referee: A. Boskovic — Crowd: 4,569 — Cautions: Palinkas, Mountford, Kelso.

Newcastle suffered their first "home" PSL defeat in 12 months and this coincided with Brisbane's breaking of an "away win" drought by winning their first for 18 months...

The Gladiators fully deserved their 2-0 success taking advantage of a most lethargic Newcastle performance, in which several players were below the form expected of them.

Had a delicious dipping shot from Joe Senkalski counted midway through the first half maybe a different result would have appeared in the record books.

But instead the effort dropped just over the crossbar with goalkeeper Martin Coe

mesmerised.

That ended Newcastle's attacking thrusts in the opening half and it was actually when referee Tony Boskovic allowed play to run overtime that Brisbane snatched the all-important lead.

A neat set-play between Bobby Hamilton and Frank Pimblett saw the ball crossed low into the goalmouth where defender David Ratcliffe found an alarming chink in the Newcastle rearguard with a simple low header past 'keeper Dando.

TWO FIRSTS

The second half was only nine minutes old when Brisbane hammered another nail into the Newcastle coffin.

Slack covering allowed Joe Palinkas to run at will and from his cross Dando was in all sorts of trouble finally pushing the ball against the upright and the elongated figure of Barry Kelso gleefully glided the rebound into the net.

Dando had fallen against the timbers and was forced to leave the field to have five stitches inserted in a head wound, his place being

taken by promising youngster Clint Gosling.

At this stage Newcastle applied a certain amount of pressure but still lacked that necessary bite in the goal target area.

A piece of skilled footwork trickery by the lanky Alf Stamp endangered the Brisbane goal.

He waltzed through from the left past a sea of tackling legs but his prodded cross was missed by his co-forwards.

At the other end Paul Wilkinson missed the chance of the match after Palinkas had used his great pace to outstrip the local defence but the big striker ballooned his shot over the crossbar.

— Myles Hay

BRISBANE LIONS v CANBERRA 1-0 (1-0)

Lions (4-3-3)

Ontong (4) Bennett (4) Hermiston (4) Niven (4)
Hogg (3) McLean (4) Lindsay (3)
Ferris (3) Millman (4) Bryce (2)
Brennan (2) Gibson (3) McLaren (4)
Farrell (3) J. O'Shea (3) R. O'Shea (3)
Williams (4) Stark (4) Byrne (4) M. O'Shea (3)
Hoszowski (3)

Canberra (4-3-3)

Replacements: Purdie (46m) for R. O'Shea, Lowndes (63m) for Scanlon, Massa (67m) for Farrell, Konstantinou (74m) for Bryce.
Goal: Millman (31m).
Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 1,950 — Caution: Brennan.

The Lions' defence, superbly marshalled and organised by Bennett and Hermiston, blunted the sharpness of the Canberra scoring machine which came to Brisbane full of confidence.

Both sets of defenders played well above average and the game was always exciting due to both sides going for goals, though in different styles.

Canberra look like a most skilful team which promises a lot, showing flashes of soccer brilliance as they move the ball upfield in groups of three or four.

But on the day they were pressured into errors by the hard working Lions players

who, largely, depended on the willing Millman to run on to an endless stream of long passes as a means of counter-attack.

A move like this paid off when Ferris pinpointed a pass and Millman wasted no time in rifling a 20-metre shot past Hoszowski.

The only chance Canberra were allowed in the half was a shot deflected past Scanlon but headed off the line by the perfectly positioned Ontong.

After the break substitutions were made frequently without any great effect though Can-

POTENTIAL

berra had a real purple patch after Massa had come on.

The big Dutchman had a good header saved by Lowndes and McLaren was unlucky with a rocketing shot which just scraped the post.

Although the Lions were hard pressed, gradually they came on even terms.

Working hard to upset the smooth Canberra rhythm, they forced them once again into errors.

Lions held out well until fulltime and should be well satisfied with the job which earned them

the two points.

Canberra could become a real force in the next few months as the return of Cole and Valeri will give them a new dimension and almost unlimited potential.

Their progress could be spectacular if they manage to cut out the small flaws in their game.

As for Lions, they should be increasingly grateful for their brilliant defence.

Teams that want to beat them will have to find a way of getting Bennett and Hermiston out of the way — certainly a far from easy task.

— Jim Binnie

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	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*				3-2			3-1		0-1		4-1			0-1	
ADELAIDE HAWKS		*	2-0						1-2			0-1				0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5		*		2-2				0-1		2-2					
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0	2-0							3-0		
BRISBANE LIONS				1-0	*	1-0						0-1	2-1			1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2				*	5-0							2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1						*		2-1	1-2	1-2				1-0	
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS				2-0		1-1		*					2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS					0-0			2-2	*		1-1	2-1				
MARCONI LEOPARDS		1-0		1-1		0-2		3-1		*			1-0			
MELBOURNE GUNNERS					1-0			2-1		1-0	*	2-0				1-0
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1	0-2			3-0					*	4-0			1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3			0-1	3-0		3-1				*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1								2-0	2-2			*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1			1-0		5-0					*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1					2-1	1-1				2-2	3-1		*

OLYMPIC'S CUP SUCCESS

Though winning by a narrow 2-1 margin, Sydney Olympic captured the affection of soccer enthusiasts with a fine display of attacking power against Northern NSW first division side Edgeworth Eagles at Macquarie Field last Wednesday night.

Close to 2,000 spectators, thrilled to the end-to-end exchanges with Edgeworth, also caught up in the unshackled flow of play.

More used to watching tight defensive patterns and stultifying play, the crowd enjoyed the initiative shown by the players, so many of them youngsters still striving to make their mark in the game.

Some brilliant work by Edgeworth goalkeeper Fred Musialik kept the scores down to 0-0 at halftime, but 10 minutes into the second half

Mike Cross blasted Olympic into the lead.

Then came the shock of the night when Edgeworth right back Peter Kemp swept over a speculative cross which deceived diminutive goalkeeper Wilson for the equaliser.

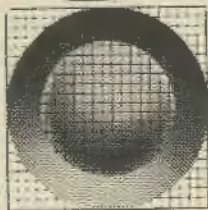
Edgeworth dragged weary limbs in an effort to hold the tide of Olympic attackers and in the dying minutes capitulated to a glorious shot by Peter Raskopoulos.

Soccer was the main winner on the night and Newcastle followers are eagerly awaiting the visit of Olympic to the International Sports Centre on May 24 for the PSL clash.

Weston Bears kept Northern NSW hopes alive in the Philips Cup with a hard earned 1-0 win over Tasmania side West Point Rapid, to advance to the next round of the series.

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WOLLONGONG v PRESTON 2-2 (0-1)

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Willis (3) Adam (4) Vardaroff (4) Dunleavy (4) Ainsworth (4)
Fleming (4) Lathan (4) P. Tredinnick (3) Morlando (3)
McBreen (4) Fontana (3)
Ollerton (4) Brown (3) Cullen (4)
Whittle (4) Lucchesi (3) Flavell (4)
Beech (4) Petrovski (1) Higham (3) Rainey (3)
Clayton (4)

Preston (4-3-3)

Replacements: Preston (59m) for Vardaroff, De Graaf (59m) for Morlando, Faulkner (63m) for Brown, Little (70m) for Flavell.
Goals: 0-1 Ollerton (7m), 1-1 Fleming (46m), 2-1 Fontana (49m), 2-2 Little (75m).
Referee: D. Rennie — Crowd: 6,900 — Cautions: Beech, De Graaf, Willis.
Sent off: Petrovski.

Wollongong City once again threw away a valuable point when they let Preston off the hook.

Whilst they still hold 4th place on the League ladder, it's quite some time since the Wolves collected both points in a game — on March 1 against Footscray...

Wollongong scored twice in three minutes shortly after halftime to go to a 2-1 lead but their front runners failed to get on with the job despite several opportunities.

Wolves coach Ken Morton pulled a major surprise by leaving Bill De Graaf out of the starting line-up.

De Graaf, a dominant figure in the Wollongong back for this season, had

STILL NO WIN

been in New Zealand all week and hadn't trained, then arrived back only hours before Sunday's match.

De Graaf was sent on as a striker with 30 minutes to go but failed to add any thrust to the front line.

Peter Ollerton shot the Rams into the lead soon after the start with a drive from a difficult angle.

Both teams committed themselves to attack with newcomer Allan Whittle, in his debut, adding a touch of class to the Preston midfield.

Preston played the last 10 minutes with only

10 men following the dismissal of Petrovski, sent off after an incident with De Graaf.

The closest the Wolves came to scoring before halftime was when McBreen hit the bar.

Preston, well organised and attacking in numbers, massed behind the ball when the Wolves gained possession.

After halftime Fleming scored from a set-piece and three minutes later Fontana headed home a right-side cross.

The Wolves should have taken complete control and won by a

wide margin.

But McBreen's shot was brilliantly saved by Clayton before Little equalised after he had been in the game for only five minutes.

Preston, reduced to 10 men, were defending grimly and Clayton again saved from a Tredinnick freekick before McBreen shot wide from a close range and Fontana headed onto the bar.

Although the Wolves should have won the game, Preston deserved the point for holding out with a stout-hearted defensive effort.

— Paul Posselti

OLYMPIC CAN CLIMB HIGH

It will be interesting to see how our leading teams are affected by the post-Cup tristesse.

The Auckland draw and the subsequent avalanche of Press criticism may not pass without some of the Socceroos showing signs of lethargy.

This could concern Sydney City and Marconi who, between them, supplied seven of the Socceroos.

Marconi's task appears the more difficult, coming up against the well-organised, efficient and defence-minded Lions.

The reliable Bennett-Hermiston duo gives nothing away; Niven and Hogg make the defense even more formidable.

Marconi have yet to find their rhythm and this won't happen until Picloane in midfield asserts a Vieri-like authority.

Our tip: 0-0.

Sydney City fans are hoping that their team will show more signs of life than in their previous

home match.

The team's slow, circumspect style doesn't send spectators into ecstasy and doesn't even get, so far anyway, the desired results.

Newcastle, licking their wounds after their home defeat on Sunday, will try to bustle and pressure their way through the match.

They play a simple but forceful type of football but they find goals hard to come by.

Only an improved display can give the hosts the points.

Our tip: Sydney City 1-0.

• VICTIM?

Olympic appear to have a ready-made victim in Footscray — and therein lies the danger.

Footscray are on the verge of total collapse — a team of insufficient talent, experience and determination.

However, Olympic must not make the mistake of taking victory

for granted; anything but their speed-play could lead to an upset.

Peter Katholos will be keen to turn on a blinder to force his way into the next Socceroo team; his midfield partnership with Raskopoulos and the elegant Cotton could swing the match their way.

Our tip: Olympic 3-1.

Canberra let the opportunity slip away: last week they could have hit the top of the PSL hit parade but for their Brisbane defeat.

Now, against the struggling Blacktown, they have a good chance of making up for it.

We still feel that Canberra have all the players needed to go very close to winning the title — but must attain more consistency.

Valeri should be OK to resume; his deft goalmouth touches and fierce shooting power would combine well with Gibson's skill and Brennan's speed.

Blacktown face a truly uphill battle and Rasic couldn't be blamed if he

went to Canberra with a reinforced defence just for the point.

Our tip: Canberra 2-0.

Brisbane City are moving up the table steadily yet are still vastly underestimated by most observers.

Their virile style of football is getting results and Leichhardt may get proof of this at their own expense.

Ailing Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace could do with the tonic of a victory in Brisbane and he will be hoping for a couple of goals from O'Connor and Giam-paolo.

However, with their impressive home record, Brisbane City look set for another victory.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.

The question is has the week's spell affected Adelaide City's brilliant touch?

They will have a most difficult opponent in Wollongong who, so far, have suffered a single defeat and even that by the narrowest possible margin.

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

What an anticlimax New Zealand turned out to be last week.

The Kiwis were claiming all along that they were the superior side and we were just as adamant that we were...

Now that all the dust has settled, I think both

At their peak, Adcity can play classic and resourceful soccer, with Perin masterminding their attacks — how the Socceroos could do with a stylish, thoughtful player like that instead of some of the plodders...

Wollongong must feel the absence of Turner and Campbell but their defence is still powerful enough to make it a very tight game.

Our tip: Adelaide City 1-0.

Preston, having got their second breath, will cause many anxious moments for leaders South Melbourne.

Although they will be without the suspended Petrovski, they have some fine talent in midfield and in attack.

Peter Ollerton is playing so well that he is in danger of being recalled into the national team.

South Melbourne's three Musketeers may suffer from an anticlimax, especially young Blair, roundly criticised for his Auckland display.

We rather suspect that the leaders will have a rough time.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

Heidelberg and West Adelaide, these two former giants, have fallen on hard times and struggling badly to get out of their slumps.

West Adelaide's last display, in Sydney was quite horrible; they must hope that with that rock-bottom was reached.

Still, the hesitant defence and weak attack don't promise too quick a recovery for them.

Our tip: Heidelberg 3-1.

teams should be happy with the draw.

But I still say that we way, was excellent. can and will play a lot better, while I don't think Australia we follow the New Zealand can im-

prove that much. Apart from Krncevic players call for the ball and Blair, I don't think as long as they don't in-

any of the players were tend to deceive an op-

happy with their own ponent.

performances in

Auckland.

Also, you would have to go a long way to see some worse goals scored in any class of football...

It's most annoying the way some New Zealand of its operatives to un-

players keep slamming cover "secret tactics" by the enemy.

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AGGREGATE HOME AWAY
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3	BRISBANE CITY	10	5	3	2	13	7	+6	13	5	4	1	—	9	2	9	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
4	WOLLONGONG	10	3	6	1	14	9	+5	12	5	2	3	—	9	6	7	5	1	3	1	5	3	5
5	SYDNEY CITY	9	4	3	2	12	7	+5	11	5	3	2	—	9	2	8	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
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Eddie Krncevic

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



The coaching set ups and coaches at the State League clubs are relatively unknown to all but those involved with the clubs themselves. So this week we popped this question to the 14 State League clubs: who is in charge at your club and how does the coaching set up operate?

SUTHERLAND

"Our coaching set up sees the senior teams and the junior sides under the control of the two corresponding clubs," said Sutherland's Laurie Haynes.

"The youth teams are looked after by the Junior association and we are in charge of the three grade sides.

"Of course, whenever he's needed John Watkiss is available for their use," Laurie said.

"The three grade coaches are John Watkiss in charge of first grade, Brian Geffs with seconds and Alan Cooper with third grade.

"John's playing history is well known: after time with Canterbury and APIA he joined Hakoah and after years with them joined us as a player, then player-coach.

"Now he's purely coaching," Laurie added. "Brian Geff's history is less well known.

"He was Sutherland's inter district team coach and has been doing a good job with us, while Alan Cooper is a former player with Sutherland, Wests and Marconi who is coaching with us for the first time this year," Laurie said.

"The first team trains three nights a week, using Seymour Shaw or the outside ground," he added.

BANKSTOWN

"Our coaching set up revolves around our 'master coach' Bob Ferguson," said Bankstown secretary Jim Giffin.

"Bob is in charge of all coaching in the club, though he deals specifically with the first team squad.

"We treat the players in first and second grade as being part of the first team squad," Jim said. "Bob looks after them, together with his two trainers, Greg Lynch — who is the club captain — and Bob Usher.

"Those two players do the physical conditioning of the team, allowing Bob time to spend with the thirds, the youth teams and the coaches themselves," Jim said.

Jim said the third grade side had its own coach, Ron Mannell, who had pretty much a free hand in selection and tactics with the team.

"Bob tries to get all Bankstown teams playing a similar style so that when players are promoted they can fit in easily to the pattern of the team," Jim said.

"He spends time with the youth teams also in an effort to achieve this, and once a month has a meeting of coaches to

discuss problems.

"We train three nights a week at the Soccer Centre, with the youth teams training twice at a ground in Villawood," Jim added.

CROATIA



"Our coach Domagoj Kapljanovic has been with us for just over a year now, and we are starting to see some semblance of style at last," said Croatia president Tony Topic.

"Domagoj joined us after five rounds of the competition last year but it took him nearly the whole season to understand our set-up and the style of Australian football.

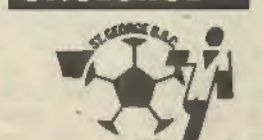
"We rebuilt the side somewhat to provide the material with which he could work and it seems we are on the right track now," Tony said.

"Our lower grades are also producing some players of quality," Tony added.

"We have Alex Kovacic in the first team now — and there is Tony Rezzo in second grade who is screaming out for a first team position.

"Our second team is coached by a former great Croatia player, Maurice Sullivan, and thirds are coached by a former first team coach Luke Fabijanic, who won the 1977 Grand Final with us," Tony said.

ST. GEORGE



Frank Arok is in charge of the whole soccer set up," said St. George's soccer president Les Boudacs.

"He is more than a coach — he is a manager in every sense of the word.

"Frank looks after the training of the teams, the introduction of new training equipment, preparation of physiotherapy gear and routines, and the development of the ground," Les said.

"All teams, from the under-14 side through to the first team, are under his control.

"He has assistant in Frank Laing and Steve Feher, with Richard Alagich looking after third grade.

"They all work as a team.

"Youth is important for the future and Richard's appointment shows the club is serious about continuing

its long history of developing Australian talent," Les said.

"Frank has recently taken over development of the stadium as well as his team duties and we have just completed an enclosed ground for 'high pressure' training games.

"The field of the stadium is also being developed to keep it at a high standard," Les said.

Frank is a demanding task master and the team trains four nights a week.

"But I don't think you'll find one player who complains.

"They are all stunned by what they are learning and the four sessions hardly seem as strenuous as they might," Les added.

MELITA

"Vic Dalgleish isn't employed as a fulltime coach, but does a lot of the work one would expect in such a capacity," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

"He helps oversee both second and third grade and our youth teams.

"The first team trains three nights a week, but on the Thursday, when the seniors have a free evening, Vic trains the youngsters in our Federation U/14, U/15 and U/16 teams," Emmanuel said.

"Vic is assisted by two coaches.

"Paul Falzon is the second team coach, while Vince Balzan is in control of third grade," Emmanuel added.

"Melita Stadium is one of our 'babies' that has born out our faith in looking ahead.

"We have an ideal headquarters and we use it for training regularly," he said.

"The lights are quite marvellous and it should be quite superb for the Phillips Cup clash this Wednesday," Emmanuel added.

NTH. SYDNEY

"Our set-up makes it hard to keep the teams going, but considering the hardships the players have done well," said North Sydney's coach Phil Bottalico.

"We don't have a clubhouse to pour money into the team and this makes it hard for preparations," he added.

Phil is in charge of first grade, with Archie Blue in charge of seconds and Ray Poletto acting as third grade coach.

"Archie and myself spent many years at APIA, while Ray has been with North Sydney for 15 years.

"He was first team coach before I took over and only recently stopped playing for the first team," Phil said.

"We were unable to field any youth teams this year, which was a bit of a blow to our plans.

"We have to chase players for third grade, and wanted our own nursery," he said.

Phil said the team trained three nights a week at Algrie Park in Haberfield.

"North Sydney Oval is our home ground, but it is hard to get time to train there.

"We even have to play some matches on Saturdays, which proves very unprofitable against teams like Avala, Croatia and Melita," Phil added.

AVALA



"We train three nights a week," said Avala's coach Kaz Kulak.

"I know some clubs have two sessions, or maybe an extra 'run' every so often, but I don't think it is enough if the team wants success," Kaz said.

"At Avala we have three coaches, one for each grade, with the second grade coach Ray Thomas acting as my right hand man.

"The third grade is looked after by John Manessi.

"We have pushed ahead with our youth policy this year at the club, entering teams in the U/14, U/15 and U/16 Federation competitions.

"The third grade is an important link in our nursery and both Ray and I often spend time with John in training the thirds," Kaz said.

"We train Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights at Knight Park.

"The lights are good for training, but not good enough really for proper training games.

"I don't think we'd get much benefit playing in the poorly lit areas," he said.

"But we are looking towards improvements," Kaz added.

MANLY



"We have three coaches — one for each grade, — but Mick Jones is the senior coach and has the job of overseeing the whole playing staff," Manly's Ron Beattie said.

"Our second grade coach is Hugh Hendry while the thirds are looked after by Terry Winslade.

"Hugh has been with us for years. He was a part of the Manly team which first won promotion to first division about 10 or 12 years ago.

"His role is to help Mick Jones by preparing players to be ready to step into the first team," Ron said.

"Mick is really just settling into the club but already it is clear he has some plan of action and developments within the club could be quite exciting this year," he said.

"At present we train twice a week, with all three grades attending.

"If the need is felt, the first grade can have another training session.

"We are lucky to have our own ground, because we can prepare the training pitch to be the same as the playing field," he said.

"The lights at Cromer are adequate and the playing surface is very good," Ron added.

RIVERWOOD

Riverwood took a bold step this year when they appointed Atti Abonyi as fulltime coach.

After a few hesitant first rounds though, their gamble seems to have started to pay dividends.

The team is riding high and now lies fourth on the State League table.

"My job is to look after all aspects of soccer within the club," said Atti.

"I brought together a team of coaches to help me, and I feel they are exceptional men.

"Alan Edmondson, who is second grade coach and my assistant, has done a huge amount of work and can't be praised highly enough.

"Our third team coach, Rick Brown, is also doing a great job," Atti said.

Atti said his tasks included preaching the soccer gospel to schools and clubs in the Riverwood area.

"Schools like Kogarah High and clubs like Forest Rangers are the teams I spend time with to develop young players, he said.

Atti said the Riverwood team trained three nights a week at Hurstville Oval.

"It's not the best ground in Sydney, and it gets a lot of punishment from the Rugby Union as well.

"But our recent results show that the players are overcoming the obstacles and getting down to some solid work," Atti added.

AUBURN

Since the departure of Vic Dalgleish we have appointed Ray Smithwaite as head coach of Auburn," said club official Fred Parker.

"His role is to look after coaching throughout the club, though obviously his main concentration will be on the first team.

"Ray has two senior helpers in control of the reserve teams.

"John McDonald — who is not the first team player despite the same name — is in charge of second grade and Keith Piper is the third grade coach," Fred said.

"Due to financial hassles we had to drop our Federation youth sides this year.

"It was a move that caused us a lot of anguish but it was a move we had to make," he said.

"The second and third grades have been put under more pressure this year and while seconds have found the going hard, third grade is doing quite well.

"The first team usually trains three nights a week, at Mona Park, with

one night being set aside for specialist goalkeeping training which John McDonald conducts," Fred said.

CANTERBURY

"Our present coaching set up involves three men in charge of the three grade sides," said Canterbury's Con Tzavelles.

"John Xipolitas is the first team coach and is overall responsible for the organisation of the soccer teams.

"The second grade team is coached by Mike Nezeritis and the thirds by Max Groll, a former Canterbury player of the 60s," Con said.

"We have been working on the link between ourselves and the Canterbury junior association and this could ultimately prove of great benefit to both bodies.

"The teams train three times a week at Arlington, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with emphasis being on working up to the weekend's game," Con said.

"We have had some disappointing results, but I think we are playing some good football.

"All I think we have to do is impress on the players the importance of keeping their heads in crisis situations," Con added.

MONARO



"Like most clubs we have a head coach who is in charge of selections and training," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiera.

"Joe Arquero Sm., looks after the first grade team, though he does get assistance from several sources.

"Our second team coach Jim Hewson is always there to give a hand, and we have people willing to help with such duties as looking after the goalkeepers," Joe said.

"Frank Maccarone, who was our coach for the last three years, also lends a hand and occasionally takes the strikers for a session."

Joe said Jim Hewson was a relatively unknown quantity to most Sydney soccer people but was quite well known in the ACT.

"He was the captain/coach of Downer Olympic — the ACT champions," Joe said.

"The team usually trains three times a week, on Tuesday Wednesday and Friday, though if there is a Saturday game the Friday training is usually a light run.

"We train once a week at Marco Polo to get the feel of the pitch, but the other two sessions are at a ground in Canberra, in the suburb of Narrabundah," he said.

"Narrabundah is a large ground — or several grounds — it

gives the squad a chance to do sprints and longer runs.

"It also takes some of the wear and tear off the Marco Polo ground," Joe said.

POLONIA



"Our coach Tony Komoder is really in charge of all three grades," said Polonia secretary John Kaniszewski.

"He is in charge of overall programs in conjunction with the other two coaches.

"But he is the man who looks after youth development policies and trying to get a style into the club's play.

"Tony should know what the club wants — he was a player with Polonia before taking up the coaching position.

"He has been involved with the club ever since he came to Australia over 10 years ago," John said.

"Tony works closely with Barry Delaney, our second grade coach and John Faulkes, who's in charge of thirds.

"Barry and John have been doing great jobs so far and have provided the club with the depth of talent we need to do well.

"Barry was a former Bankstown coach before joining Polonia.

"We train three nights a week, using our home ground, Chopin Park.

"The lights are quite sufficient for training and we are hoping to upgrade them to be used in night matches.

"The ground itself easily copes with the constant use, as it got a lot of loving care and attention during the off season to make it stand up to a rigorous year," John said.

PARRAMATTA

"Our set-up involves the firsts and seconds training as a squad," said Parramatta's coach Bob Wall.

"We train three times a week, and our assistant coach Dave Harvey and I supervise the sessions.

"There is also our trainer, John Morrison, who actually trains the squad."

"The set-up means that the third grade coach Kevin Sutherland has to report on progress because we don't get involved with third grade's training.

"We rely heavily on Kevin," Bob said.

Bob said the teams trained on Garside Park, though if they can avoid it, they do.

"There is an oval behind the club house and we often train there," he said.

"Garside Park gets far too much use and any rest we can give it proves useful.

"The lights aren't fantastic, but are adequate for night games and good for training," Bob said.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE				
	14s	15s	16s	
GROUP 1				
Gladesville/Hornsby v Illawarra	1-1	0-3	3-0	
Bankstown v Blacktown City	0-1	2-6	0-3	
St. George v Leichhardt	2-0	1-2	0-0	
Polonia v Croatia	2-1	2-0	*	
Syd. Olympic v Baulkham Hills	1-0	2-0	2-0	
Melita v Sth. & Eastern	3-0	1-3	1-1	

GROUP 2				
Nepean v Marconi	1-3	0-2	1-5	
Riverwood v Central Coast	1-0	2-1	3-1	
Sutherland v Avala	5-1	3-1	2-1	
Canterbury v Blacktown Assoc.	3-3	6-0	2-0	
Manly v Sth. District	3-0	1-0	2-3	

* Abandoned by referee

Round 4 games (Sunday)

GROUP 1				
Gladesville v Olympic	2-4	5-0	2-2	
St. George v Illawarra	2-3	4-0	2-0	
Blackt. City v Leichhardt	1-1	0-0	1-3	
Croatia v Melita	2-2	10-1	0-6	
Sth. & East. v Baulkham Hills	3-1	2-3	2-1	

GROUP 2				
Nepean v Canterbury	1-3	2-0	0-6	
Riverwood v Sutherland	1-0	0-3	0-2	
Kurlingal v Marconi	1-0	1-8	1-2	
Avala v Manly	0-6	0-2	2-3	

THIS WEEKEND (all Saturday)

GROUP 1
Gladesville v Blacktown City, Pioneer Park
Bankstown v St. George, Peakhurst Park
Illawarra v Croatia, Balgownie
Polonia v Baulkham Hills, Chopin Park
Sydney Olympic v South. & East., Jellicoe
Melita v Leichhardt, Lambert Park

GROUP 2
Nepean v Central Coast, Cook Park
Riverwood v Kurlingal, Hurstville
Marconi v Avala, Marconi Oval
Sutherland v Blacktown Assoc., Bates Drive
Canterbury v South. Dist., Arlington
Manly - Bye

YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P
LEICHHARDT	9	7	1	—	23	9	+14	15
A.I.S.	9	6	1	2	22	11	+11	13
N'CASTLE	9	5	2	2	22	17	+5	12
MARCONI	8	5	1	2	22	10	+12	11
OLYMPIC	9	3	3	3	11	9	+2	9
SYD. CITY	8	3	2	3	16	10	+6	8
W'GONG	9	3	1	5	12	22	-10	7
BLACKT'WN	7	1	—	6	7	16	-9	2
CANBERRA	8	—	1	7	5	35	-30	1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
P'matta v Monaro	0-1	1-1	—
Croatia v Canl. M'v	4-1	1-1	2-2
R'wood v Polonia	3-2	2-0	2-2
Melita v Auburn	2-1	2-0	0-0
S'tand v N. Syd. Int.	0-0	0-2	3-1
Avala v Manly	0-6	1-1	1-4
Bankst. v St. Geo.	0-4	2-2	2-0

Division 1			
Fry. Mdw. v Yugai	0-1	2-1	3-1
W'gong v Kurlingal	0-0	2-0	1-2
Belmore v Revesb.	4-3	0-0	1-0
Bathurst v Gladest.	1-0	0-3	2-2
Revesby v Penrith	1-2	0-1	0-1
N. Bankst. v Belmre	1-0	2-0	0-2
Bl'twn v Gullford	2-0	1-2	3-2
Uni NSW v Warrin.	3-1	4-2	0-0
Yugai v Bl'twn	0-0	0-2	—

Division 2			
Bonnyrg. v Q. Park	1-3	3-1	0-2
N. Ryde v C'town	0-3	2-1	2-2
Dee Why v Lane C.	2-3	0-2	1-1
L'pool v Baulk. H.	1-2	0-0	1-0
ML. Druit v M'vie.	3-0	1-1	2-2
Gladest. v R'stone	1-4	2-2	10-0

Division 3			
Pt. Hack. v Fairfild.	3-4	1-4	—
Bondi v East. Crk.	0-1	3-2	—
Padstow v Kingsford	1-1	2-5	—
Went. v Artamon	2-2	2-2	—
W. Ryde v Hurstvl.	1-2	2-1	—
Padst'wn v Syd. Uni	0-3	3-3	—

Division 4			
Fairfild v Winst. H.	5-1	3-0	—
Maroub. v Concord	1-2	1-4	—
Revesby v Eastwld.	3-1	0-1	—
Canley H. v Chals.	3-2	2-1	—
N. Rocks v W. St. G.	3-0	0-3	—
Ryde v W. Holr.	0-3	1-1	—

Division 5			
Chullora v Mac. Uni	2-3	1-2	—
Edensor v Haberli.	5-0	2-1	—
Syd. Macc v Aub. J.	0-1	3-2	—
Camden v Grn. Valt	0-1	3-1	—
Pagewd v Glenqu.	2-5	0-7	—
Hawkes. v Mooreb.	2-2	0-6	—

PHILIPS CUP

Three Philips Cup matches will be played in Sydney this week.

At Everley Park, at 6.30pm, Auburn will play Leichhardt while at 8.30pm Melita clash with Marconi.

At Seymour Shaw Park, at 8pm, Canterbury will face St. George.

AMPOL CUP

SUTHERLAND WINS THEIR SECOND CUP

Sutherland carried off their second Ampol Cup trophy in what was an even encounter.

The young Sharks couldn't use the counter-attack system they had so effectively employed in the semifinal against St. George.

Rather, they were forced to come out of their shell and take chances by pushing forward.

Neither side really ever got the upper hand in the first half, and it was only when they scored their second goal that Sutherland looked the winners.

Polonia should have taken the lead several times, but unbelievable misses by Lemanczyk let Sutherland escape.

Lemanczyk's volley after 30 minutes from a Szobczyk cross left Polonia fans and officials staring in disbelief as the ball whizzed wide from barely two metres.

Sutherland snatched the lead in the 43rd minute when Murphy turned on the ball, a 'harmless' 30 metres from goal and smacked a curling, bobbling shot over the stunned Kalinowski.

In the second half Sutherland pushed forward more effectively than Polonia.

Lemanczyk was woefully out of touch, and no matter what Szobczyk, Wiszniewski or Budini did, the Sutherland defence held tight.

After 57 minutes victory for Sutherland was assured.

A quick attack saw Tony Bush chest the ball down for Craig Watkins who burst through to the left of the area before

hammering a great shot past the diving Kalinowski.

AMPOL CUP FINAL

SUTHERLAND v POLONIA 2-0 (1-0)

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Groome, Watkins, Meades, Murphy, T. Bush, P. Bush.

Polonia: Kalinowski, Harris (Noble 73m), Maitre, Galas, Zounis, Garlowski, Lemanczyk, Wiszniewski, Budini, Szobczyk, Jirsa (Nowak 75m).

Goals: 1-0 Murphy (43m), 2-0 Watkins (57m).

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YOUTH LEAGUE

LAST WEEK

Newcastle v Leichhardt 2-3
Blacktown v Sydney City 0-1
Wollongong v Olympic 1-1
AIS v Marconi 0-3

Manly's goalkeeper **CHRIS CASSETARI** has suffered a broken nose after the game with Avala last Sunday. Chris missed almost a year of football when he broke his jaw against North Sydney last season. The injury isn't serious but coach **MICK JONES** is taking no risks and has signed **STEVE ELLIS**, the former **KU-RING-GAI** goalkeeper. Manly's other first grade 'keeper **MARK DOWER** is out of action with a broken leg. Manly have re-signed **GRAHAM FIRRELL** after he took a break from the game last year.

REF WAS "CHAIR"

It's not only the girls who can do it...

Last Saturday, the NSW Youth League under-16 match between Croatia and Polonia was abandoned at 2-2 when the referee was assaulted.

According to reports, an official from one of the clubs rushed on the field and allegedly hit the referee with a chair.

Dick Bates, a leading official of the NSW Youth League, said an investigation would be held once the referee's report was received.

It is understood that the police will also prefer charges against the official who has been suspended since by his club.

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DIVISION 2
Lane Cove Utd. v Bonnyrigg, Sun., Pottery Green; Baulkham Hills v Dee Why, Sun., Ted Horwood Res.; Mt. Drift v Town v Liverpool Alb., Sat., Popondetta Park; Queens Prk. v Nth. Ryde, Sun., Erskineville Oval; Campbelltown City v Gladesville Horns, Sat., Lynwood Park; Marrickville Rockdale v Riverstone Schofields, Sat., Mackay Park.

DIVISION 3
Kingsford v Paddington, Sun., Turruwull Prk.; Artarmon v Padstow Park, Sat., Artarmon Res.; Port Hacking v Wentworth Waratahs, Sun., Bates Drive; Sydney Uni v Bondi Marine, Sun., University Oval 1; Eastern Creek v W. Ryde Rovers, Sat., Cawarra Park; Fairfield Kiev v Hurstville Zagreb, Sat., Knight Park No. 4.

DIVISION 4
Eastwood S/A v Nth. Rocks, Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; Chelsea v Revesby Rovers, Sun., Moore Park No. 12; Fairfield West v Canley Heights, Sun., Parkes Res.; West St. George v Ryde District, Sat., Ewart Park; W. Holroyd v Maroubra Utd., Sun.,

West Guildford Sportsground; Winston Hills v Concordia, Sat., Carrington Parkes Res.

DIVISION 5
Macquarie Uni. v Hawkesbury Dist., Sun., Macquarie Uni Oval; Macquarie B/D's v Chullora, Sun., Beaman Park; Camden v Edensor Park, Sun., Ponderosa Park; Moorebank v Sydney Maccabi, Sun., Hammondville Park; Auburn Jun. v Pagewood, Sat., Progress Park; Green Valley v Glenquarie Utd., Sat., Blamfield Oval; Glenquarie v Chullora, Wed., 7pm, Bensley Road.

DIVISION 6
Trasandinos Sports v Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Booralee Park No. 2; Blacktown Wands v Liverpool City, Sun., Grantham H/School; Ranger Hajduk v Robins, Sun., Hajduk Stadium; Liverpool Utd. v Parramatta Utd., Sun., Childs Park; Colo-Colo v Blacktown Workers, Sun., Knight No. 4; Bankstown Sports v South Sydney, Sat., Condell Park H/School; Colo-Colo v Robins, Sat., Knight Park No. 5.

THIS IS HOW THE CUP QUEST GOES

This is the program to follow in our World Cup group:

- May 3: Fiji v New Zealand
 - May 7: Taiwan v New Zealand
 - May 13: Indonesia v New Zealand
 - May 16: Australia v New Zealand
 - May 20: Australia v Indonesia
 - May 24: New Zealand v Indonesia
 - May 31: Fiji v Indonesia
 - July 26: Fiji v Australia
 - August 1: Taiwan v Indonesia
 - August 6: Taiwan v Fiji
 - August 10: Indonesia v Fiji
 - August 14: Australia v Fiji
 - August 17: New Zealand v Fiji
 - August 25: Taiwan v Australia
 - August 30: Indonesia v Australia
- No date:
- Indonesia v Taiwan
 - Australia v Taiwan
 - Fiji v Taiwan
 - New Zealand v Taiwan

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NSW

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	9	—	—	44	4	16
Melita	8	—	1	30	7	16
Croacia	7	1	—	18	5	15
Riverw'd	5	1	3	10	16	11
Monaro	4	2	3	13	15	10
Sutherland	3	3	2	6	5	9
Polonia	3	2	4	10	17	8
Canterbury	3	1	5	15	23	7
Avala	3	1	5	12	20	7
Manly	3	—	6	13	18	6
Auburn	3	—	6	6	15	8
Bankst'n	2	—	7	10	20	4
N.Sydney	1	1	8	6	16	3
P'matta	1	—	7	5	23	2

GRADE 2

St. George	8	1	—	34	4	17
Melita	6	1	2	20	9	13
Croacia	6	1	1	19	8	13
Canterbury	5	2	2	19	8	12
Riverw'd	5	2	2	18	8	12
N.Sydney	4	2	2	12	13	10
Sutherland	4	2	3	12	10	8
Bankst'n	2	3	3	11	12	7
Manly	2	2	5	10	10	6
Polonia	2	1	6	5	15	5
P'matta	1	3	4	5	20	5
Avala	1	2	6	6	19	4
Auburn	1	2	6	2	17	4
Monaro	1	2	6	8	23	4

GRADE 3

Melita	5	3	1	24	13	1*
Manly	6	—	1	21	8	12
Auburn	5	1	1	19	2	11
Sutherland	5	1	1	13	9	11
Riverw'd	4	2	2	19	12	10
Bankst'n	4	2	2	17	11	10
Polonia	3	2	3	14	12	8
Canterbury	2	3	3	13	17	7
Croacia	2	3	3	15	24	7
St. George	3	—	5	12	11	6
Avala	1	1	6	7	23	3
P'matta	1	—	6	4	22	2
N.Sydney	1	—	7	4	19	—

DIVISION 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
W'gong U.	5	2	1	19	6	12
Black'n	5	2	2	13	5	12
Yugal	5	2	2	15	11	12
Kuringai	5	2	2	8	5	12
Fry.Mdw.	5	1	2	17	7	11
Bathurst	4	2	3	13	14	10
Uni NSW	4	1	3	13	11	9
Penrith	3	3	3	8	11	9
Warringah	2	3	4	14	16	7
N. Bankst'n	2	3	4	6	8	7
Belmore	1	4	4	6	12	6
Gladesvi.	1	2	5	7	12	4
Revesby	1	1	7	11	24	3

GRADE 2

Kuringai	6	2	1	17	6	14
Fry.Mdw.	6	1	1	23	7	13
Blacktown	6	—	3	16	8	12
Gladesvi.	5	2	1	12	4	12
Woll.Utd.	6	—	3	18	18	12
Guildford	4	2	2	10	10	10
Revesby	4	1	4	10	9	9
Penrith	4	1	4	8	11	9
Yugal	3	2	4	10	9	8
Belmore	3	2	4	8	10	8
N. Bankst'n	3	2	3	10	14	8
Uni NSW	2	—	7	10	24	4
Warringah	—	3	6	7	15	3
Bathurst	—	—	9	3	36	—

GRADE 3

Kuringai	9	—	—	30	9	18
Fry.Mdw.	7	—	1	21	9	14
Belmore	6	1	2	20	10	13
Guildford	5	1	2	19	18	11
Gladesvi.	4	3	1	19	11	11
Woll.Utd.	5	—	4	19	15	10
Penrith	3	3	2	6	10	9
Revesby	4	—	5	24	16	8
N. Bankst'n	2	2	4	4	11	6
Bathurst	2	1	6	14	15	5
Uni NSW	—	4	5	4	23	4
Warringah	1	2	5	6	26	4
Black'n	1	1	6	8	22	3
Yugal	1	—	7	13	27	2

DIVISION 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marrickv.	2	1	1	7	5	5
Baulk.H.	2	1	—	5	3	5
Campbell	2	—	1	6	2	4
Mt. Drift	2	—	1	4	1	4
Dee Why	2	—	1	6	4	4
N. Ryde	2	—	2	5	5	4
Lane Cove	1	1	1	5	5	3
Liv. Albion	1	1	1	5	5	3
R. Stone	1	1	1	5	5	3
Bonnyrigg	1	1	2	5	5	3
Queens P.	1	—	2	5	6	2
Gl. Horns	—	—	4	2	11	—

GRADE 2

N. Ryde	2	2	—	11	8	8
Bonnyrigg	3	—	1	8	3	6
Marrickv.	2	1	1	5	5	5
Campbell	2	—	1	5	3	4
Liv. Albion	1	2	—	2	—	4
Mt. Drift	1	1	1	5	3	3
Baulk.H.	1	1	1	2	3	3
Riverst.	—	2	1	6	7	2
Dee Why	1	—	2	4	5	2
Lane Cove	1	—	2	2	5	2
Gl. Horns	—	2	2	4	9	2
Queens P.	—	1	2	1	6	1

GRADE 3

Marrickv.	3	1	—	8	2	7
Gl. Horns	3	—	1	21	3	6
Liv. Albion	3	—	—	30	3	6
Campbell	2	1	—	15	3	5
Queens P.	2	—	1	10	6	4
Mt. Drift	1	1	1	4	6	3
N. Ryde	1	1	2	6	10	3
Baulk.H.	1	—	2	3	4	2
Bonnyrigg	1	—	3	4	17	2
Lane Cove	—	1	2	1	5	1
Dee Why	—	1	2	3	11	1
Riverst.	—	—	3	—	16	—

DIVISION 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Artarmon	2	1	—	13	2	5
Padstow	2	1	—	9	1	5
Hurstville	2	1	—	7	3	5
Kingsford	1	2	—	7	3	4
Fairfield K	2	—	1	7	5	4
Wentley	1	2	—	5	4	4
East. Crk.	2	—	1	4	4	4
Syd. Uni	1	—	2	3	5	2
Bondi	1	—	2	5	8	2
W. Ryde	1	—	3	6	10	2
Paddington	—	1	3	2	9	1
Port Hack.	—	—	3	3	17	—

GRADE 2

Bondi	3	1	—	10	2	7
Fairfield	3	1	—	10	4	7
Kingsford	2	2	—	11	4	6
Wentley	1	3	—	6	4	5
Padstow	2	1	1	5	6	5
Paddington	1	2	1	9	8	4
Artarmon	1	1	1	11	8	3
Eastern C.	1	—	2	5	8	2
W. Ryde	1	—	3	4	11	2
Syd. Uni	—	1	2	5	8	1
Hurstville	—	1	2	2	5	1
Port Hack.	—	—	3	4	17	—

DIVISION 4

	W	D	L	F	A	P
N. Rocks	3	—	1	9	5	6
Concordia	3	—	1	7	3	6
Fairfield W.	2	1	—	10	5	5
W. Holroyd	2	1	—	10	5	5
Winst. Hls	2	1	1	10	7	5
Canley Hl.	2	—	1	10	9	4
Revesby	1	2	1	8	8	4
W. St. Geo.	1	1	1	7	5	3
Chelsea	1	1	2	7	8	3
Ryde Dis.	1	—	3	4	11	2
Eastwood	—	1	3	4	12	1
Maroubra	—	—	3	3	10	—

GRADE 2

Fairfield W.	3	—	—	10	2	6
Canley H.	3	—	—	8	2	6
Concordia	2	1	1	8	3	5
W. St. Geo.	2	—	1	7	4	4
Winst. Hls	2	—	1	11	9	4
Eastwood	2	—	2	5	5	4
N. Rocks	2	—	2	3	5	4
W. Holroyd	1	1	1	3	3	3
Maroubra	1	1	2	3	8	3
Ryde Dis.	—	2	2	3	7	2
Chelsea	1	—	3	6	14	2
Revesby	—	1	3	1	6	1

DIVISION 5

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Macq. Uni	2	1	1	9	2	5
Glenquar.	2	1	—	8	5	5
Moorebank	—	3	—	6	5	5
Edensor	1	2	—	8	3	4
Maccabi	1	2	1	5	5	4
Green V.	2	—	1	2	2	4
Pagewood	2	—	2	7	8	4
Auburn J.	1	1	1	2	2	3
Haberfield	1	1	2	5	7	3
Chullora	1	—	2	4	5	2
Hawkesb.	—	2	2	5	7	2
Camden	—	1	2	3	6	1

GRADE 2

Moorebank	4	—	—	13	2	6
Glenquar.	3	—	—	15	2	6
Camden	2	—	1	7	3	4
Edensor	2	—	1	4	3	4
Macq. Uni	2	—	2	4	5	4
Maccabi	2	—	2	7	9	4
Auburn J.	1	1	1	5	3	3
Green V.	1	1	1	5	3	3
Haberfield	1	—	3	3	6	2
Hawkesb.	1	—	3	2	15	2
Chulford	—	1	2	1	3	1
Pagewood	—	1	3	3	12	1

SAINTS FACE THEIR BIG HURDLE

—By Paul James—

It is a distinct possibility that this week's St George-Croatia clash at Barton Park could outdraw many PSL games on Sunday.

It is the match of the State League so far and is the game everyone has been waiting for.

St George have shown themselves to be a goalscoring machine, playing swift, uncluttered football that has delighted the hearts of those yearning for "the good old days" and has even impressed those who have suffered at their hands.

The midfield trio of Stone, Davies and Barton is one which even Rudi Gutendorf should envy, while up front the forwards are sharing amongst a feast of goals.

Croatia, too, have shown themselves to be a strong team this year. But they have had to sweat harder for several of their victories.

Even so, they have some of the classiest players in Australia in their line up.

Terry Smith is a striker of supreme coolness, while Alex Kovacic is a young defender of high quality.

And his brother Marian is rapidly developing into a player worthy of PSL and even international experience.

A match for those who cherish attacking football and an encounter which should pack out

the luxurious St George Stadium, not only with fans of the two teams, but also with interested neutrals. We tip a Saints win 2-0.

The Polonia-Melita match looks the second best match of the day.

Polonia were unlucky to go down so late to Riverwood, but still have enough class to push Melita all the way.

The Eagles are playing patchily at present and it will be up to coach Vic Dalglish to motivate his side.

We see a Melita win by the odd goal in three: Melita 2-1.

Canterbury will have to be on best behaviour this week against Riverwood.

Twice now Canterbury have suffered heavy defeats when players have been sent off.

Steve Kable was the "bad boy" last week against Croatia.

Riverwood have been amassing points regularly and are fourth on the table.

Canterbury's mixed form doesn't promise much for this match and we tip another win for Abonyi's boys, 2-1.

Auburn entertain Sutherland this Sunday in an interesting inter-district clash.

Sutherland were surprisingly held to a 0-0 draw by Norths while Auburn pushed Melita all the way last week.

Sutherland's attack, however, should find its

form this week and we tip a Sutherland win, 2-0.

North Sydney were boosted by their good draw with Sutherland last Sunday and will be hoping to hit Avala while they are down after their 5-0 drubbing at the hands of Manly.

Norths lack a little maturity still, and their young team is leaderless at present.

Avala's loss to Manly was a surprise as they have been able to play good football and cause most teams headaches.

We tip a draw as the most likely result with Avala going about their task of rebuilding their defence.

Our tip: 1-1.

Manly can be expected to go flat out to get a quick opener against Parramatta again this week.

Their game clicked last Sunday against Avala, and although they may not get a bagful, we see them winning again.

Parramatta are still unable to get a rhythm about their team and this could prove their undoing this week.

We tip Manly to win: 2-0.

On Saturday Inter Monaro play hosts to Bankstown in Queanbeyan.

Monaro have had a good record recently and we expect another win, 1-0.

RIVERWOOD v POLONIA 3-2 (1-2)

Riverwood: Gisbourne, Martin, Wignall, Bulloch, Milas, Lee, Savor, Tracey, Fisher (McRorie 85m), Butcher, Langdon.
Polonia: Kalinowski, Zounis, Maitre, Budini, Galas, Garlowski, Lemanczyk, Wiszniewski, Szobczyk (Nowak 78m), Noble, Sooksee (Harris 78m).

Goals: 0-1 Budini (3m), 1-1 Savor (10m), 1-2 Noble (44m), 2-2 Butcher (85m), 3-2 Bulloch (88m).
Referee: R. Lorenc; Crowd: 380; Cautions: Sooksee.

PARRAMATTA v INTER MONARO 0-1 (0-1)

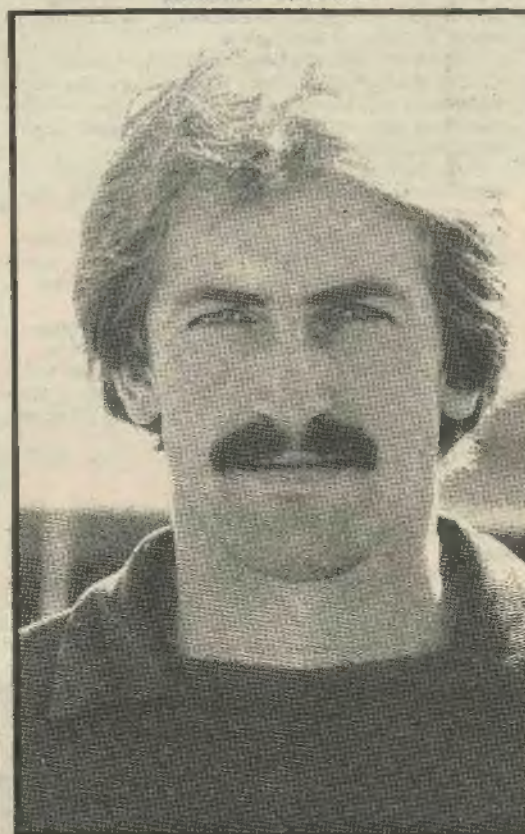
Parramatta: Donovan, Biglands, Bates, Lackey, Roughley (Roden 80m), Hamilton, McKenzie, Herron, Mitchell, Brizuela (McAllister 75m).
Inter Monaro: Caputo, Crawford, Charles, Noble, Santolin, Francis (Valeri 67m), Arquero, Falzon, Link, Heywood, Sheridan.
Goal: 0-1 Heywood (40m).
Crowd: 250; Cautions: Bates, Herron.

AVALA v MANLY 0-0 (0-0)

Avala: Ahrens, Lembrink, Deller, Fairclough, Vujinovic, Djuricic (Scharfegger 45m), Samuels, Rodic, Malish, Pilovski, Carrizo (Gogoc 63m).
Manly: Cassetti, Geophegan, Doyle, Riley, Stocks, P. Falconer, Jack, K. Falconer, Palamara, Regan, Fox.
Goals: 0-1 Palamara (1m), 0-2 P. Falconer (3m), 0-3 Jack (43m), 0-4



Marcos Silva, Croatia.



Wally Lachowicz, Bankstown.

Jack (pen. 46m), 0-5 K. Falconer (75m).
Referee: W. Phelps; Crowd: 570; Cautions: Scharfegger.

BANKSTOWN v ST. GEORGE 0-0 (0-2)

Bankstown: Lachowicz, Rootsey, Usher, Amies, Greg Lynch, Rea, Peck, Glen Lynch, Nocera, Farthing, Gilligan (Beater 45m).
St George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton, Rylands, McDonald, Davies (Kanacki 64m), Stone, Walker, Griffiths, Marlon (Russell 78m).
Goals: 0-1 Griffiths (15m), 0-2 Barton (35m), 0-3 Marlon (57m), 0-4 Marlon (78m).
Referee: B. Fowler; Crowd: 646.

SUTHERLAND v NORTH SYDNEY 0-0

Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Donnelly, Dal Forno, Groom (Connor 80m), Watkins, Meades, Murphy, (Rogers 60m), T. Bush, P. Bush.
Norths: Lilli, Gibson, J. Bottalico, Matheson, O'Rourke, McGinn, Mitchell, Stevens, Wilson, Dale, J. Morsello (Youssef 40m).
Referee: G. Warner; Crowd: 620.

MELITA v AUBURN 2-1 (1-0)

Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Campbell (Darvill 40m), Thompson, Stoddart, Berry, Farrugia, Allen (Gaudi 68m), Martin, McPherson.
Auburn: De Haas, McInerney, Prgomelja, Bleiby, Gulphey, McDonald, Bertram, Thiering (Daly 53m), Allen, Brown, Hoysted (Sullivan 81m).
Goals: 1-0 Hensman (11m), 1-1 Brown (50m), 2-1 Farrugia (78m).
Referee: T. Davies; Crowd: 1,550.

CROATIA v CANTERBURY 4-1 (2-1)

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Sterry, Vidale, Dobson, M. Kovacic, Coleman, Hensman, Parker, Marcos Silva, Borges (Smith 45m).
Canterbury: El Zain, Kable (sent off), Laws, G. Brown, Barton, Bourke, Thamnidis, Williams, R. Brown, Karaspiros, Pettas.
Goals: 1-0 Hensman (11m), 1-1 Thamnidis (13m), 2-1 M. Kovacic (18m), 3-1 M. Kovacic (60m), 4-1 T. Smith (72m).
Referee: R. Rampley; Crowd: 2,641; Sent off: Kable.

Wollongong maintained their top spot on the table despite dropping a point against Kuringal.

However, the top part of the table is really crowded with one point separating the first five teams.

Biggest surprise of the round was the topping of Fairy Meadow by Yugal who up to now couldn't put it together as their line-up suggests.

But the addition of two former Melita Eagles players in the side gave Yugal a new lease of life.

Bathurst who lost their coach Joe Judge recently kept in the race for honors with a last minute win against Gladesville at Bathurst.

Blacktown United and another side to watch as now they have settled their side and seem to be improving with every game. This weekend they beat Guildford comfortably.

The mystery of the competition this year is Revesby Workers, who on paper at least have one of the best teams in the competition but they just can't click.

They lost 4-3 to Belmore after leading 3-1 and got done at home by Penrith with a last minute goal.

University of NSW also seem to be going well, scoring another good win over Warringah.

Highlights of this week's games were:

BATHURST v GLADESVILLE 1-0

A goal by Adrian Pickup three minutes from the end saw Bathurst keep the points at home in a very tight game.

The match played at a very fast tempo throughout with both sides striving to score.

Bathurst have lost their evergreen coach Joe Judge who gave it away (at least for the moment) because of study commitments. His place was taken by Stuart Cousins who last year coached the successful Orange Waratahs.

Bathurst: Lovett, Woodruff, G. Hadley, Waine, Ashelford, Bulloch, Alexander, Tait, Fish, A. Pickup, P. Hadley. Coach: S. Cousins.
Gladesville: Taylor, Kavern, P. Johnstone, Kendall, Goldsworthy, Nelson, Woodford, McGrath, Nile, Baldwin, Butt. Coach: J. Woodford.

BELMORE v REVESEBY 4-3

Leading 2-0 at halftime and 3-1 soon after the break, Revesby were beaten by a less fancied Belmore.

Revesby who seem to be struggling this season, were in complete command in the first half and deserved a handy lead.

Greg Byles scored two top goals and Parkings got the other one.

But in the last 15 minutes Belmore really turned it on and with goals through Graham and Gary Billingham, Steve Parkinson and Paul Kirwin won a valuable two points.

Belmore: Carlisle, Hawthorne, Cruger, Martin, Vergos, Kirwin, Murray, Gary Billingham (Warren), Parkinson, B. Palmer, Graham Billingham. Coach: O. Klaus.
Revesby: Pearsell, Patterson, Sadek, Larkins, Adams, Byles, Gill, Harris, Mackin (Parkinson), Pittman, Prior. Coach: R. Harbour.

REVESEBY v PENRITH 1-2

Revesby had another black weekend when they failed to pick a point from two gruelling games in two days.

In this game they fielded a makeshift side after several players were hurt on Saturday against Belmore.

They held on well until halftime which was scoreless.

However, Penrith coach Stan Ackerley had a lot to say to his 17-year-old forwards at halftime and the result was they came out fighting after the break.

Soon after the resumption Sean Condon opened for Penrith with Revesby equalising soon after through Gill, Graham Beamer

scored the winner, right on time. Revesby: Pearsell, Patterson, Sadek, Larkins, Adams, Parkinson, Gill (Parkins), Harris, Pittman, Byles, Prior. Coach: R. Harbour.
Penrith: Kristic, Rhodes, Gaskin, Hobart, May, Smith (Dunn), Lewis, Demattia, Condon, Anderson (Hood), G. Beamer. Coach: S. Ackerley.

BLACKTOWN v GUILDFORD 0-0

With a better finish Blacktown could have won by a cricket score.

United who in midweek held Yugal to a scoreless draw dominated most of the game with Neil Taylor and Joe Ramiach scoring to give them a handy lead.

Guildford lost Alan Miller early in the second half when the referee sent him off.

Against 10 men, Blacktown turned the pressure and though they had a lot of shots with near misses, they could not add to the score.

Blacktown: Evans, R. Ramiach, Bar, Eldridge, Murray, Crone (Thompson), Clarke, Davidson, Taylor, De Valle, J. Ramiach. Coach: D. Zeman.
Guildford: Duggan, Miller, Allen, Hunter, Glass (Moss), Morrison, McGlynn, Lambert, McTigue (Robinson), Thomas, Stewart. Coach: M. O'Neill.

FAIRY MEADOW v YUGAL 0-1

In a highly entertaining game, Yugal just managed to score a narrow but very important victory over Fairy Meadow.

Yugal's two new signing forms Melita (on loan), Tony Ekonomou and Sammy Babian made quite a big difference to the side and were able to put it together just a little better than the opposition.

After a scoreless first half, Yugal went to the lead in the 58th minute with a great goal by Amanji Rokodera.

The Fairies hit back late in the game but Yugal held firm for the points.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Pasquale, Southwell, Chibby, Tinney, Devenney, Charnock, Kissell (White), Baker, Richardson, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.
Yugal: Berry, Randell, Cummings, Ekonomou, Clarke, Goldarevic, Babian, Travin, Rodas, Rokodera, Tanoski. Coach: I. Takac.

WOLLONGONG v KURINGAL 0-0

There were not many chances in this clash as both defences were right on top of the opposing forwards.

Most of play was in midfield as neither side was allowed room to build any attacking moves.

Wollongong were perhaps a little more aggressive as they forced several corners but the Kuringal defenders were quite steady clearing away any dangers.

Wollongong: Bizioviski, Traikovski, R. Saitin, Talevski, Montecchi, Vuticovski, Terziyaki, H. Saitin, P. Giraldi, R. Giraldi, Gardner (Drain). Coach: M. Johnson.
Kuringal: Taylor, Haines, Sides, Robertson, Groas, Ross, Williamson, Gould, Seach (Hammond), McCranor, Smith (Magill). Coach: H. Noon.

UNI OF NSW v WARRINGAH 1-1

The Students were never in danger against the rejuvenated Warringah and led all the way to win comfortably.

They scored within minutes of the start and added another 10 minutes after the interval before Warringah hit back with a goal by Michael Crook.

Crook came in as a substitute and once he scored Warringah went after the equaliser but at the end it was University who added another goal five minutes from the end.

UNI OF NSW: Unavailable.
Warringah: Cimentil, Duncan, Friend, Collings, Ainslie, Evers, Sturgess, Morla, Beverley, Killie, Sandtner (Crook). Coach: A. Ainslie.

CLUB PATROL

for his second in command Ante Tomasich who coaches the second grade side with quite a fair bit of success.

★ ★ ★
Riverwood's defender GEORGE HARRIS is out of hospital and back at home recuperating with his broken ankle. George suffered the injury against Manly in only his second game for Riverwood. It was also his first broken leg in his long playing career. Coach ATTI ABONYI said

he was back to his best in his side's victory.

★ ★ ★
Riverwood travels to Queanbeyan in a fortnight for their match with Monaro and the club is putting on a free bus to take supporters along. For further details, contact club officials.

★ ★ ★
Avala have signed former Pan Hellenic and Marconi striker RAUL CARRIZO. Raul spent two years overseas in Switzerland and the United States.

★ ★ ★
The nippy striker capitalised on a moment's hesitation in the City defence to put the ball past Donovan

★ ★ ★
Fairly Meadow's sponsor the Famous Grouse have decided to donate a bottle of Scotch to all teams who play competition soccer against Fairy Meadow.

★ ★ ★
ILJA TAKAC, who seems to be a lot happier lately as things are coming good at last for him, had a word of praise

★ ★ ★
Vernon Darvill made his comeback to first team football for Melita last Sunday when he played for 50 minutes as substitute against Auburn. Vernon has been out of action since last October but showed

★ ★ ★
George would probably have his leg in plaster for two to three months before doctors would re-examine the pins placed in his leg to help the bones knit.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Gary Cole dropped out of the Soccerroo squad two weeks ago because of a reported injury. Then, much to Rudi Gutendorf's shock, Cole played six days before the Auckland clash, for his club.

Gutendorf said in the Press that "Cole will be punished."

One way to deal with him would be to force him to play for the Soccerroos...

The timing couldn't have been worse: last week, days before the New Zealand v Australia match, the Fraser government announced their new passport regulations.

Accordingly, from July 1, New Zealanders will need a passport to enter Australia — the days of free and easy passage are over.

This may or may not be a good move. But to announce it on the eve of Anzac Day, commemorating the heroic deeds of the combined Australian and New Zealand troops in World War I, shows an enormous lack of tact by Canberra.

Of course, for soccer it couldn't have come at a worse time: all the banner headlines of the New Zealand newspapers on Friday, the day before the World Cup match, referred to this "insult" and were seething with hatred.

It's good to know governments can also be stupid.

I honestly don't know what gets into reasonable reporters when they leave these shores.

From the moment they landed in Auckland last week, some of our Sydney colleagues did their utmost not to write a line about the World Cup match.

We heard about spies, undercover agents, cow paddocks, outsmarted groundsmen, war, shock and horror — but hardly a thing about our players — let alone their players.

War correspondents couldn't have tried to create a more hostile atmosphere; you could expect the penalty spot to be mined.

Of course, we know that the readership of most dailies is more interested in "human interest" (?) stories than in an immaculate and highly technical essay on the merits or otherwise of an attacking midfield system or some such.

But really, the cow manure stories about the training grounds went a bit far. Perhaps, instead of cow, they wanted to write bull?

TAA fly the good sports.

It's better to fly with friends.

Trans Australia Airlines

I am prepared to bet with anybody — and verify it through FIFA — that no other national competition in the world has a fulltime staff of two: a secretary and a typist.

Perhaps Chad or Bell? No, couldn't be. I refuse to believe it.

The risks involved are crystal clear: if one or both can't be in the office, the PSL comes to a standstill.

Last Friday it almost did. Paul Kemp was in Auckland for the match and his assistant had to go home after lunch, ill.

And this on a day when, because of the airline strike, arrangements had to be made to fly teams interstate by charter operators.

But strike or no strike: the Philips League office should always be attended — especially before a weekend's round.

That is the raison d'être of the whole office: to look after a national competition.

If two people aren't enough, the clubs should agree to build up the strength to three or even four.

In the last few years we repeatedly brought up the case of ex-internationals, especially those who have played 25 or more games for Australia, suggesting some sort of recognition for them, such as a free pass or golden badge.

Nothing happened until, some two years ago, Rudi Gutendorf agreed to have this done through the ASF.

We were relieved. At last, we felt, we could stop harping on this subject.

Before last year's Centenary match against England, there was a luncheon get-together of many ex-Soccerroos who then received a free pass to the game.

A special badge and permanent pass to all future internationals would follow, we were told.

But — of course, you've guessed — nothing happened. No badges, no passes, no recognition. Everything is as it was before.

So now we have the situation that if a Peter Wilson, Attila Abonyi, John Warren, John Watkiss and others want to see Australia play, they have to queue up, fork out their cash and squeeze through the turnstile like everybody else.

Rudi Gutendorf should tell the ASF how the West Germans treat their 'Altinternationale' (ex-internationals): what happens when an Uwe Seeler, Franz Beckenbauer, a Sepp Maier or others go and watch their current national side.

They not only get a free pass — but they also get a VIP treatment.

Here, next month in the matches against New Zealand and Indonesia, the grandstands will be packed solid with "special guests" who have only the remotest connection with soccer, if any at all.

Meanwhile, our ex-heroes will be lining up at the turnstile, as always.

This is not a White Paper in defence of Rudi Gutendorf: he is more than capable of speaking for himself.

But, in all fairness to the truth — is it reasonable to blame him for our very ordinary national team?

If the majority of Soccerroos are way below standard, our club coaches and whole coaching system must shoulder the blame.

But they won't: everytime the Soccerroos turn on a shocker, these coaches sit back and pontificate on Gutendorf's weaknesses.

I find this truly amazing. Are we to believe, for example, that Perry or Barnes are immaculate passers of the ball for their clubs but forget it all in a jiffy for the national team?

Or Sharpe's ball control at full speed is perfect for Marconi but faulty for the Soccerroos?

I have said it many times before but perhaps it bears repeating: our coaches don't turn out a product of high enough quality in the junior associations, amateur clubs or senior outfits.

The technical accomplishments of 99% of Australian players are inadequate.

And yet this is the material Gutendorf has to work with.

If a succession of coaches, over a period of 10 years or so, couldn't teach a young player how to control or pass the ball, how can Gutendorf do it in a matter of weeks?

Unless the ASF, belatedly, reluctantly and laboriously, decides to face the deep-lying problems of our whole coaching set-up, our soccer will remain what it is today: gutsy, brave — but not too clever or skilful.

Neither Gutendorf nor Manotti or Miljanic at the helm could change that.

So if we condemn Gutendorf's team — as we do — we indirectly also indict our club coaches and coaching organisations which are incapable of turning out a better basic product.

Do you remember Alec Robertson, the former stylish Hakoah freeback?

Well, he is on his way back to Australia — and back to Sydney City.

After an absence of some three years, with the Scottish Kilmarnock, the fair-headed defender, still only about 27, has decided to migrate for the second time.

— Andrew Dettre



BUSY WEEK IN '82 WORLD CUP

Ten World Cup elimination matches will be played this week in Europe, many of them of crucial importance.

Eight will take place on Thursday morning, Sydney time.

In Group 1, West Germany and Austria will clash in Hamburg, for the first time since the 1978 World Cup finals when the Austrians scored a shock win.

Both teams have collected maximum points so far in their groups and are hotly fancied to win their way to Spain.

The Germans, for the first time since 1974, will have the rebel Paul Breitner back in the team, probably in midfield.

They have also recalled from Spain the superb libero Stielike and the blond giant midfielder ace, Schuster.

The Austrian attack will be led by Franz Krankl, now playing for Rapid-Vienna — though officially registered with Barcelona where he is Schuster's team-mate.

The West Germans should win fairly comfortably.

Group 2 will see two games this week.

In Paris, France will meet Belgium and in Nicosia, Cyprus will play Holland.

The Dutch should win their match untroubled especially if some of their expatriates, such as Krol, Rep and Haan are available.

If the Belgians — runners-up last year in the European Championship — can snatch a point in Paris, they will be in a comfortable position to reach Spain.

But the French are now regarded as one of the most stylish and classiest national teams in Europe, led by the elegant Platini.

Perhaps a narrow French win is the likeliest.



Hungary's Torocsik

In Group 4 Hungary will begin their World Cup campaign against Switzerland in Lucerne while England resumes hers in London against Rumania.

The recent 3-0 win over Spain, in Valencia, must give the Hungarians fresh hope against the Swiss who, having already suffered two defeats, one at home, are in a pretty hopeless position.

England, almost certain to recall some of the more experienced stars who were dropped for their recent match against Spain at Wembley (1-2), seldom play well at this time of the year: the players are fatigued at the end of the long season.

Still, at Wembley, most Continental sides develop a complex and



England goalie Peter Shilton.

the Rumanians won't be an exception.

The final tune-up games of Rumania brought two unexpected defeats, against Israel and Denmark.

England should win by two goals or so; if they don't, they won't deserve to go to Spain next year.

As for Hungary, they look capable of getting a vital point from the Swiss.

In Group 5 Yugoslavia will play Greece in Belgrade.

Both have suffered one defeat so far, both against Italy — but the Greeks lost in Athens.

Yugoslavia have recalled, after a few years absence, central striker Bajevic into the attack; Bajevic plays in Greece, at all places.

Manager Milan Miljanic is known to be considering retirement

from the national team but perhaps a good win here would induce him to stay on.

Yugoslavia should win about 2-0.

In Group 6 Northern Ireland plays Portugal while the Scots meet Israel.

The Scots, with two wins and two draws, are likely to go through from this group especially if they can win convincingly here: so far they have managed only three goals in their matches.

Portugal beat Northern Ireland 1-0 in November, in Lisbon but would settle for a draw.

A few days after "World Cup Wednesday," some more matches will be played.

On May 1 Luxembourg meets Denmark (Group 5) and on May 2 Poland plays East Germany.



Belgian ace Van Moers.